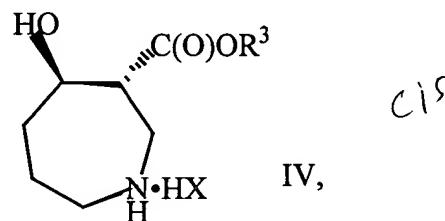


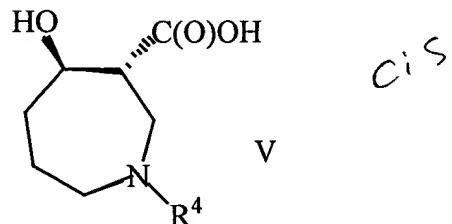
10. (twice amended) A compound selected from the group consisting of compounds of the formula



wherein  $R^3$  is lower alkyl and  $HX$  is an acid.

11. (amended) The compound of claim 10, wherein the compound is ethyl (3R,4R)-4-hydroxy-azepan-carboxylate hydrochloride. *cis*

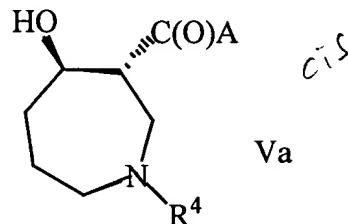
12. (twice amended) A compound selected from the group consisting of compounds of the formula



wherein  $R^4$  is an amino-protecting group.

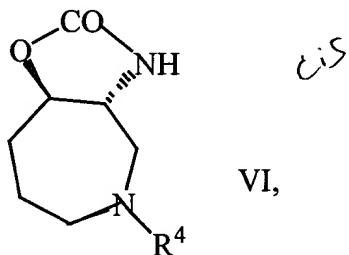
13. (amended) The compound of claim 12, wherein the compound is (3R,4R)-Hydroxy-azepan-1,3-dicarboxylic acid 1-tert.-butyl ester. *cis*

14. (twice amended) A compound selected from the group consisting of compounds of the formula



wherein A is azido or amino and R<sup>4</sup> is an amino-protecting group.

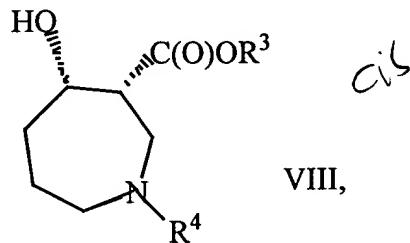
15. (twice amended) A compound selected from the group consisting of compounds of the formula



wherein R<sup>4</sup> is an amino-protecting group.

16. (amended) The compound of claim 15, wherein the compound is (3aR,8aR)-5-tert-Butoxycarbonyl-2-oxo-octahydro-oxazolo(4,b-c)azepine. *Q/*

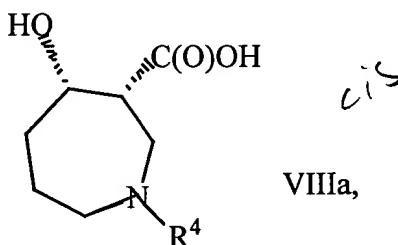
17. (twice amended) A compound selected from the group consisting of compounds of the formula



wherein  $R^3$  is lower alkyl and  $R^4$  is an amino-protecting group  
in the absence of substantial amounts of other enantiomers of the compound.

18. (amended) The compound of claim 17, wherein the compound is ethyl  $\text{C}^{\text{15}}$   
(3R,4S)-1-(tert-butoxycarbonyl)-4-hydroxy-azepan-3-carboxylate.

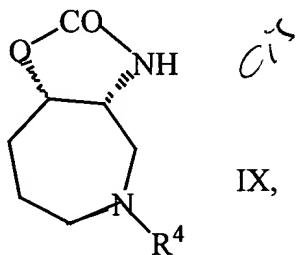
19. (twice amended) A compound selected from the group consisting of  
compounds of the formula



wherein  $R^4$  is an amino-protecting group.

20. (amended) The compound of claim 19, wherein the compound is  
(3R,4S)-4-Hydroxy-azepan-1,3-dicarboxylic acid 1-tert-butyl ester.

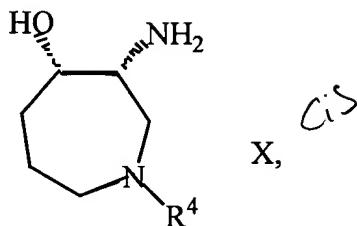
21. (twice amended) A compound selected from the group consisting of  
compounds of the formula



wherein  $R^4$  is an amino-protecting group.

22. (amended) The compound of claim 21, wherein the compound is  
tert. Butyl (3aR,8aS)-2-oxo-octahydro-oxazolo(4,b-c)azepine-5-carboxylate.

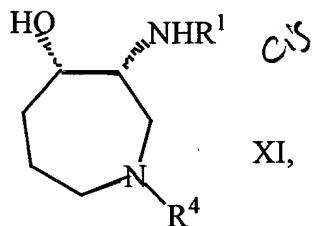
23. (twice amended) A compound selected from the group consisting of compounds of the formula



wherein R<sup>4</sup> is an amino-protecting group.

24. (amended) The compound of claim 23, wherein the compound is tert-Butyl (3R,4S)-3-amino-4-hydroxy-azepan-1-carboxylate.

25. (twice amended) A compound selected from the group consisting of compounds of the formula



wherein R<sup>1</sup> is an acyl residue of an aromatic carboxylic acid and R<sup>4</sup> is an amino-protecting group.

26. (amended) The compound of claim 25, wherein the compound is tert-Butyl (3R,4S)-3-(4-tert-butoxy-benzoylamino)-4-hydroxy-azepan-1-carboxylate.